

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
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For: STERICALLY HINDERED CHELATE
PHOSPHINITE-PHOSPHITE LIGAND,
CATALYST, COMPRISING AT LEAST ONE
NICKEL(0) COMPLEX STABILIZED BY
SAID LIGAND AND METHOD FOR
PRODUCTION OF NITRILES

Examiner: Shaio, Rei Tsang

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed March 28, 2008, Applicants elects, with traverse, Group I claims 1-9 and 15-20 drawn to compounds of formula (1)-(6), process of making and their methods of use. In addition, applicants elect, with traverse, for search purposes only, the ligand 2 species ligand 2 of Example 2 on page 17 of the specification. Claims 1-9 and 15 read on the elected species.